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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE PROGRAMME of the Manchester meeting of the Incorporated Law Society will be found elsewhere. There are the usual features of a banquet and a ball, and it may be anticipated that the Manchester solicitors will shew all their wonted hospitality. This year, however, the interest centres on the immediately pressing matter of the Land Transfer Bill. It is fortunate that the papers to be read on the question are by the best men who could be suggested to deal with the matter. First of all Mr. B. G. LAKE—to whom, by the way, we hope some tribute will be paid for his admirably skilful and indefatigable parliamentary generalship during the recent session—has a paper on the Bill; then Mr. ELLETT contributes a consideration of "Some popular fallacies about land transfer," and we anticipate much from his power of clear and forcible exposition. Mr. HUMFRYS will deal with the practical side of the question in "Some Experiences of American Conveyancing," and Mr. HOWLETT will discuss "The Lord Chancellor and local land registration." We

need hardly, perhaps, again point out the importance which will attach to the utterances and resolutions on the subject; the main fight on the Bill will come on in the ensuing autumn session, and it is essential that the profession should in the interval, not only take the opportunity of exposing to the public the evils which the Bill will entail, but should also express their determination to use every means for averting them.

THERE CAN, of course, be only one opinion as to the qualifications of the eminent persons who have been appointed to inquire into and report upon the recent disturbances and loss of life at Featherstone, but some very serious considerations suggest themselves as to the propriety of appointing such a commission. The main question the commissioners will have to decide is whether the homicide was or was not justifiable. So far as we can see, they will have no power to take evidence on oath. In the case of the commission on the Belfast riots power was expressly given to the commissioners by Act of Parliament (50 Vict. c. 4) to examine witnesses on oath, and penalties were expressly enacted for wilfully giving false evidence. In the present case, where no such statutory provisions have been made, the function of the commissioners will practically be to report to the Secretary of State whether there is or is not a *prima facie* case for a prosecution of the officer who gave the order to fire. If they report that there is no such case, well and good; everyone will then be satisfied. But supposing they find themselves compelled on the unsworn evidence to report that the homicide was unjustifiable, will not the Government be obliged to prosecute the officer? And in that case how can the prisoner have a fair trial? If the proceedings before the commission are reported, the jury will have read in the newspapers the unsworn testimony, and let the judge do what he will, he will be unable to get it out of their minds. If the evidence given before the commissioners is not reported in the papers, still the fact that an eminent judge, a leading solicitor, and a Queen's counsel have found that the homicide was unjustifiable will necessarily give rise to a most unfair and improper bias against the prisoner. The eminence of the commissioners constitutes one main objection to the inquiry. If it had been a mere investigation in the ordinary course by the Public Prosecutor no one would have thought anything of a conclusion arrived at against the person who gave the order to fire; but when the matter is placed in the hands of eminent persons, headed by a Lord of Appeal, and is invested with the pomp of a commission, the utmost importance will be attached to their finding, and there will be little consideration by the public of the materials on which the commissioners will have to base their conclusions. Surely in this matter of appointing commissions to report on matters which may be brought before criminal courts we are drifting very far from the old notions of justice. What would have been said, say twenty years ago, to the appointment of a learned judge to pre-judge on unsworn testimony and report whether a man had been guilty of murder?

NOT THE LEAST interesting episode in a recent prosecution was the discussion, to which it gave rise, as to the limits of the right of "summing up" under Denman's Act, 1865. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the circumstances which provoked that discussion. The material point for the consideration of lawyers is the undoubted fact that the privilege conferred by Denman's Act on prosecuting counsel is being, if it has not already been, converted into something very different from what was intended by the Parliament which passed it. The 2nd section of this important statute (28 & 29 Vict. c. 18) provides, in substance, that where a prisoner defended by counsel calls no evidence on his own behalf, counsel for the prosecution shall be allowed at the close of his case to address the jury a second time *for the purpose of summing up* the evidence against the accused. It is notorious that the object of this enactment was to permit of doubts, difficulties, or apparent contradictions in the case for the prosecution being explained before the jury were addressed by counsel for the defence. The words used—"shall be allowed" and "for the purpose of summing up"—clearly indicate what

every student of legal history knows to have been the intention of the Legislature—viz., (1) that the power which it was granting should be sparingly employed, and (2) that the summing up at the close of a prosecution should be a temperate and quasi-judicial presentment of the facts of the case, on which a verdict of guilty was demanded, freed from any incidental obscurities which might have arisen in its progress. The authorities are as distinct on this point as are the history and construction of the statute. When first it came into operation prosecuting counsel naturally felt some preliminary difficulty in exercising their new functions according to the true intent and meaning of the Act; and comments on the fact that a prisoner had called no witnesses (*Reg. v. Rudland*, 4 F. & F. 495) and observations to the effect that if the jury acquitted a prisoner they would blast the character of a prosecutrix (*Reg. v. Rudland*, *ubi supra*) or impliedly convict her of perjury (*Reg. v. Puddick*, *ib.* 497) were not uncommon. But the judges steadfastly set their faces against the interpretation of the 2nd section of Denman's Act which such statements involved (*cf. Reg. v. Glass*, 4 F. & F. 492 n (b); *Reg. v. Rudland*, *ib.* 495; and *Reg. v. Puddick*, *ib.* 497), and after the memorable charge of Lord BLACKBURN in the case of *Reg. v. Holchester* (10 Cox, C. C. 226) the matter appears to have been settled for the time. In recent years, however, the evil has again arisen, and it has now reached dimensions which render it eminently desirable that we should know definitely whether judicial opinion on the subject has changed with forensic practice.

Mr. H. M. HUMPHREY contributes a lively article to the current number of the *Law Quarterly Review* with reference to the ordinary dilatoriness of litigation. It is suggested by a passage from the judgment of BARNES, J., in *The Alps*, a passage which Mr. HUMPHREY complains is omitted from the report in the *Law Reports* (1893, P. 109), though it is to be found elsewhere (41 W. R. 527). But there is no great mystery, either in the procedure adopted or in the speed with which that case was heard and determined. R. S. C., 1883, ord. 34, r. 2, provides that "if it appear to the court or a judge that there is in any cause or matter a question of law, which it would be convenient to have decided before any evidence is given or any question or issue of fact is tried, . . . the court or judge may make an order accordingly, and may direct such question of law to be raised for the opinion of the court, either by special case or in such other manner as the court or judge may deem expedient." *The Alps* was a claim under a policy of marine insurance, in which the facts were not in dispute, and BARNES, J., made an order, under the above rule, that the question of law—whether, upon the facts stated in an average statement and certain documents therein referred to, the plaintiffs were entitled to recover any and what sum from the defendants—should be tried without a special case. The result was that the trial took place in about ten days after the issue of the writ. The case shews what can be done under the existing rules, but it is quite a mistake to suppose, as Mr. HUMPHREY appears to do, that it is largely due to the improper use of the rules that the majority of cases are not conducted with equal celerity. "There is not," he says, "sufficient anxiety either on the part of barristers or of solicitors to conduct the action with the least possible delay and at the least possible cost." This is a serious charge to make, and we believe it to be quite unfounded. The peculiarity of the above case was that the facts were not in dispute, the point at issue was clear, and there was a judge willing and able to put the action in his list directly it was ready for trial. Where these conditions are satisfied litigation can go on with equal celerity in the Chancery and in the Queen's Bench Divisions. In most cases some little time is required to agree upon the facts, where this can be done, and to settle the precise point at issue, and for this purpose pleadings are, in general, useful. But the main difficulty is to find a judge who can hear the case directly it is ripe for trial. Mr. HUMPHREY wittily pictures Mr. Justice BARNES attracting the business alike of the Chancery and the Queen's Bench Divisions to his court, and carrying through the whole by the new process of the "happy despatch." The article is excellent reading, but it mistakes the real difficulty of the case. The delay of litigation is certainly not due to the desire of barristers and solicitors to multiply fees and swell costs

at the expense of their clients, nor greatly, we imagine, to the defects of the rules of procedure. It will be speedy enough as soon as courts are prepared to deal with cases as they arise, and not to plod on laboriously in overtaking arrears.

THE CURRENT NUMBER of the *Nineteenth Century* contains an interesting article by Mr. MONTAGUE CRACKANTHORPE, Q.C., entitled "New Ways with Old Offenders." The first part gives an outline of our present penal system, and the second attempts a solution of the question whether any improvements can be made in it. The present system, of course, is the result of quite modern changes in the treatment of convicted prisoners, and these relate chiefly to the substitution of penal servitude for transportation, the introduction of uniformity in the management and regulations of local prisons, where sentences of imprisonment as opposed to sentences of penal servitude are carried out, and the treatment of first offenders. The minimum sentence of penal servitude was by the Penal Servitude Act, 1891 (54 & 55 Vict. c. 69), reduced to three years, and the first nine months of the sentence, whatever its length may be, are spent in solitary confinement in a local prison, the convict being employed in some industrial work. Afterwards he is transferred to Portland or some other of the convict establishments where he labours in restricted association with other convicts. By good conduct he may obtain a remission of one-fourth of the whole term, and this remission, if earned, is a matter of right, not of grace. Imprisonment with hard labour is at the outset a more severe ordeal. It is divided into four stages. In the first the prisoner sleeps on a plank bed, without a mattress, every night in the week, and spends six or eight hours a day, according to his strength, in turning a hand-crank or in treading a wheel. This is called "first class hard labour," and was defined, says Mr. CRACKANTHORPE, thirty years ago by a committee of medical experts as "labour that visibly quickens the breath and opens the pores," an excellent result when attained voluntarily and by other means. This labour is never undergone by a convict sentenced to penal servitude, unless he is punished specially for a prison offence. The duration of the first stage of imprisonment depends on the number of marks which the prisoner earns a day. He has to earn 224 altogether, and he cannot earn more than eight a day, so that the stage lasts for twenty-eight days at least. In the second and third stages the plank bed is gradually replaced by a mattress, and the labour is less exacting. These are passed, like the first, by obtaining a certain number of marks; and in the fourth the prisoner is quite absolved from the plank bed, and he has some liberty to write and receive letters and see his friends. The dietary of the prisoner remains the same during all the four stages, but varies as between prisoner and prisoner. There are four classes, the worst being known as No. 1, the best as No. 4. Here, again, the prisoner sentenced to penal servitude has an advantage. He is placed on diet No. 4 on his reception into the prison, and this is maintained throughout his term. The present uniformity in prison management and discipline was attained, as Mr. CRACKANTHORPE points out, by the Prison Acts, 1865 and 1877. Formerly the local prisons belonged to local authorities, and in some instances to private persons, and they were subject to great diversities of administration. But by the Act of 1877 the whole—113 in number—were taken over by the Government. About half of them have been closed, and throughout those which remain there is absolute uniformity, not only in respect of discipline, but also of diet and clothing. As to the treatment of first offenders, Mr. CRACKANTHORPE refers to a parliamentary return for 1891 as shewing the good results of binding over the prisoner under the Probation of First Offenders Act, 1887 (50 & 51 Vict. c. 25), to appear and receive judgment when called upon. Out of 2,530 persons to whom, during the years 1888-90, the Act had been applied in the metropolitan and five large provincial police districts, only 169, or 6.6 per cent., had been called upon to appear and receive judgment, or were known to have been convicted of a fresh offence.

IN INQUIRING whether any improvements can be made in the present penal system, Mr. CRACKANTHORPE confines himself to

the three points: (1) What is the true measure of criminal punishment? (2) What weight should be given to a previous conviction when sentencing for a second offence? and (3) Can any means be devised for making sentences more uniform? The first point raises the question to what extent punishment is meant to be preventive, reformatory, or retributive. Mr. CRACKANTHORPE discards as impracticable the opinion enunciated some years ago by Sir EDWARD FRY that regard must be had primarily to the moral character of the offence, and he places retributive justice lowest in order of importance. "Ranging the factors of a criminal sentence according to their relative weights, the order appears to me to be this. Preventive justice first, reformatory justice second, and retributive justice a bad third." Doubtless this is so. It is enough for criminal courts to attempt to check the actual ills from which society suffers without punishing the criminal for the sake of inflicting suffering on him in return. "Retributive justice is only admitted in aid of reformatory justice—when, for instance, the circumstances of aggravation are such as to shew that a longer time than usual must elapse before the criminal is brought to a sense of his crime, and before the reformatory process can set in. It should never fill the first place in the mind of the judge when he is considering the length of the sentence." All this, however, is largely a matter of opinion, and opinion, as Mr. CRACKANTHORPE points out, is equally divided as to the weight to be given to a previous conviction. It may be disregarded altogether, and the crime considered solely by itself; it may be made the ground of a great increase in the sentence over what would be awarded to a first offender; or it may be treated upon the principle apparently adopted by Mr. Justice HAWKINS—viz., to allow first offenders a rebate from the normal punishment for the offence, but to deny this rebate to second offenders. Both these points lead up to the practical issue in the matter: Can any means be devised for making sentences more uniform? One such contrivance is the court for the review of criminal sentences advocated by the Council of Judges, but to this Mr. CRACKANTHORPE objects, *inter alia*, that it would be hopelessly divided against itself, since no two of its members would be agreed on the principles applicable to first sentences; still less on those applicable to second or third sentences. And he proposes instead an authoritative enunciation of some general rules, leaving the application in each case to judicial common sense. For this purpose he desires the appointment of a Royal Commission, not composed wholly of judges, their recommendations to be circulated by the Home Office throughout the country. But is not this the very same result that would follow from the institution of the proposed Court of Criminal Appeal? Its members might in the first instance be divided in opinion, but it would be the business of the court by successive decisions to discover the true solution of the questions involved in sentencing criminals, and probably in this manner we should gradually arrive at some general principles more satisfactorily than if the business were settled off hand by a commission.

THE BOARD OF TRADE AND THE WORKING OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACTS.

I.

THE tenth annual report of the Board of Trade on the above subject which has recently been issued does not differ very materially from its nine predecessors, and the various criticisms which have from time to time appeared thereon may in a great measure be repeated. First, there is a short report by Sir COURTENAY BOYLE, the permanent secretary to the board, the principal feature of which is the account of receipts and expenditure on account of bankruptcy proceedings during the year ended the 31st of March, 1893. This shews a total of receipts amounting to £153,081 6s. 1d. against expenditure £165,399 18s. 10d., and in addition thereto costs of bankruptcy prosecutions and pensions and compensations before the 1st of January, 1884, £10,560 19s. 11d. making a total of £175,960 18s. 9d., leaving a deficiency of £22,879 12s. 8d., to meet which our old friend "Dividends which would have arisen on stock transferred to the National Debt Commissioners and cancelled under the Courts of Justice (Salaries and Funds) Act,

1869, if such stock had not been cancelled" amounting (after deducting income tax) to £38,072 4s. 9d. is again requisitioned into service, so making an apparent surplus of £15,192 12s. 1d. It may be interesting to know that the present permanent secretary to the board entirely agrees with the view expressed by his predecessor with regard to the inclusion of the disputed item of dividends on cancelled stock in the calculation of receipts, though this fact we apprehend will scarcely be accepted as conclusive upon the point or even as contributing materially to a solution of the controversy.

Then follows the usual lengthy report by Mr. JOHN SMITH, the Inspector-General, which, with its various "tables," occupies fifty-three pages of print, but which, so far as it deals with questions of professional interest, may very well be condensed into as many lines. Dealing first with the amount of insolvency, he shews that there has been an increase in the number of receiving orders of 419 (viz., 4,635 as against 4,216) and in deeds of arrangement of 325 (viz., 3,333 as against 3,008) over the previous year, with an aggregate increase in liabilities of £200,090 and £864,574 respectively, but in assets an aggregate decrease of £74,026 and £169,440 respectively. A good deal may be argued from these figures both ways (for cannot figures be made to prove anything?), but of course the official advocate of the Board of Trade only sees through official glasses, and, ignoring—what is patent to every one else who has any practical experience—that fully one-third of failures in the country never obtain any publicity at all but are dealt with *absolutely* privately, he deduces conclusions upon the soundness of affairs generally as compared with the state of affairs prior to the advent of present day officialism, which are, to say the least of it, wholly illusory.

Taking next the "Character of Insolvency," he occupies about seven pages in giving some particulars of the various failures which have occurred in the High Court during 1892 with unsecured liabilities over £20,000, which might be interesting to some story writer in search of material, but will hardly repay the perusal of the professional student. After some remarks on the causes of insolvency and an attempt at the classification of them, he next proceeds to draw a "Contrast between Bankruptcy and Deeds of Arrangement," and his remarks upon this subject are of sufficient importance to quote at length. He says:—"It has frequently been urged as a ground of objection against the present system of bankruptcy administration, by the professional advocates of deed of arrangement, that it is the worst class of cases which comes under its operation, creditors and debtors alike agreeing to avoid it and to adopt private arrangements in cases where the failure is due to misfortune, and where such failure takes place while the debtor is yet possessed of substantial assets. But even if this view of the facts be admitted (and there is in the illustrations I have furnished much to support it, so far as bankruptcy is concerned) it is difficult to see how it forms a basis of objection to the bankruptcy system, or how the interests of creditors or of the trading community will be secured by the course which is sometimes advocated of increasing the facilities for avoiding the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act against fraudulent and reckless trading. On the other hand it may fairly be asked, whether it is such debtors as the great majority of those whose cases are included on the preceding pages for whom an escape from the Bankruptcy Court is sought by increasing the facilities for the adoption of private arrangements. If it could be shewn that there was a large number of unfortunate debtors who would have paid their creditors a substantial composition, had they been allowed to liquidate under the Deeds of Arrangement Act, but who were prevented from doing so by the unreasonable action of some of their creditors, the case might to some extent be different; but no attempt has ever been made to shew that such is the case, and the actual facts prove the contrary. Under these circumstances the attempt to break down the bankruptcy system, by substituting private arrangements in such cases as those to which I have referred, would only, if successful, encourage fraud by weakening the forces at present arrayed against it."

Now, it appears to us that in these remarks the Inspector-General entirely misapprehends the point at issue, or what it is that "professional advocates of deeds of arrangement" sug-

gest. There is no desire, so far as we are aware, on the part of any member of the legal profession, at any rate, to interfere with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Acts as directed to the punishment and prevention of fraud; but what is said, and, in our opinion, said with much truth and force, is, that in cases where the great majority in number and value of creditors desire to keep an estate out of bankruptcy, or to accept a reasonable composition, there should be some provision whereby they can do so, and not be thwarted in their desires in this respect by the action of small creditors who oppose with the object of obtaining a preference for themselves over the bulk of the creditors, and who must, therefore, be bought out at the expense of the other creditors in order to keep the estate out of bankruptcy. That many such cases do constantly occur there cannot be any doubt, though as a matter of course they do not come to the surface or within the cognizance of the Board of Trade, and we cannot see why more facilities should not be given to creditors in this respect without detracting from the provisions of the Act in regard to fraud.

REVIEWS.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Law Quarterly Review—October, 1893. Edited by Sir FREDERICK POLLOCK, Bart., M.A., LL.D. Stevens & Sons (Limited).

Parochial Self-Government in Rural Districts: Argument and Plan. By HENRY C. STEPHENS, M.P. Second Edition. Longmans, Green, & Co.

The Intermediate Law Examination Made Easy. A Complete Guide to Self-preparation in the 11th Edition of Mr. Serjeant Stephen's New Commentaries on the Laws of England (excluding Books IV. and VI.), being the Subject Selected for the Intermediate Examinations of the Law Society. By ALBERT GIBSON. Ninth Edition. By the AUTHOR and ARTHUR WELDON, Solicitors. Law Notes Office.

CASES OF THE WEEK.

Before the Vacation Judge.

BILSBOROUGH v. HARVEY—4th October.

PRACTICE—CONTEMPT OF COURT—DISTRESS—RECEIVER—RECEIVER'S POSSESSION.

This was a motion by the defendant that the Forest Hill Brewery Co. (Limited), its directors or officers, or the directors or secretary authorizing a distress, might be committed to prison for a contempt of court in distraining upon certain goods and chattels upon premises in possession of the defendant as receiver appointed by an order dated October 28, 1892, and that the company, its servants and agents, might be restrained from taking any further proceedings under the distress upon the said goods and chattels in possession of the defendant as such receiver as aforesaid, and from continuing in possession of the said premises. The defendant stated in his affidavit that he had been appointed by the above order receiver and manager to collect and get in and receive the debts then due and outstanding and other assets and property and effects belonging to an off-licensed wine and spirit and beer business, comprised in an indenture dated December 7, 1891, and that he was in occupation of the business and premises. The affidavit went on to say that the company, as the lessors of the premises, put in a distress upon property covered by the receivership order for £30, alleging the same to be for three quarters' rent due on June 24, 1893; that he produced the office copy of the order when the bailiff entered, and that the bailiff replied that the landlord (the company) "must stand the racket of that"; and that there was no rent due to the landlord, but, on the contrary, the company was indebted to the defendant, as receiver, in a much larger amount. The secretary of the company made an affidavit, in which he said that the company were not parties to the indenture of December 7, 1891; that by an indenture of lease of July 29, 1886, the company leased the premises in question and the trade fixtures and fittings to one Lester for twenty-one years, and that the lease was assigned to the defendant by deed dated July 4, 1888. The affidavit of the secretary further stated that the defendant was adjudged bankrupt, and the official receiver, as trustee of the bankrupt, had disclaimed the lease, but the defendant still remained in possession; that the sum of £30 was due to the company for rent of the premises to June 24, 1893, and was still unsatisfied. The question was whether, in these circumstances, the landlord was bound to come to the court for leave before he distrained.

KENNEDY, J., ordered the landlord to withdraw and to pay the costs of the application; the receiver to sell the goods on the premises at the date of the distress, and to pay into court a sufficient amount to satisfy the amount of the rent due, and to abide further order. His lordship said: This is an application to commit the landlord of certain premises for

contempt of court. In the circumstances I should not make an order for committal. I should, however, find it impossible to believe that the landlord had no notice of the order of the court. The proper course for the landlord would have been to have issued the warrant of distress with instructions not to proceed further without the leave of the court. Therefore, the landlord must withdraw from the premises and pay the costs of this application. As to the rent, it seems not to be disputed that a certain amount was due. I could not direct the receiver to pay the amount to the landlord, because to do that would be to give the landlord the full advantage of that which I think the landlord was not entitled to do. Therefore, I must order the landlord to withdraw and to pay the costs of the application; the receiver to retain the amount claimed for rent and to pay it into court.—COUNSEL, Winslow & Pattison; Morton W. Smith. SOLICITORS, J. Greenfield; Baker, Blakes, & Hawes.

[Reported by V. DE S. FOWKE, Barrister-at-Law.]

Re LAND CO. OF AUSTRALASIA (LIM.)—4th October.

COMPANY—WINDING UP—LIQUIDATOR—RECEIVER—DEBENTURE-HOLDERS' ACTION—JUDICIAL DISCRETION—JURISDICTION—ORDER OF VACATION REGISTRAR IN COMPANIES WINDING UP.

This was a motion on behalf of the debenture-holders and shareholders of the above-named company that an order appointing Mr. James Ford, an accountant, liquidator of the above-named company, made by Mr. Registrar Brougham, sitting as Vacation Registrar for Companies Winding up on the 24th of August last, might be discharged. A debenture-holders' action had been commenced, in which Mr. Ford had been appointed receiver. In support of the motion it was said that Mr. Ford was objected to on the ground that he was too closely connected with the interests of the company and its directors, and that the debenture-holders wanted an independent person to get in the uncalled capital. A quarter of the debenture-holders in value had given an expression of opinion adverse to Mr. Ford. Nothing could be said against his personal fitness, but there was a good deal to shew that he was closely connected with the company's affairs and too directly connected with the directors and shareholders. He had been supported throughout by the directors and shareholders, and, without casting any aspersion whatever on Mr. Ford, the applicants said that they would rather have a public officer than a private individual. A public liquidation would be more beneficial to all parties than one carried on privately. On the other side it was said that the current of authority was in favour of the same person being receiver and liquidator. The registrar had made a complete order and had exercised his judicial discretion, and no ground had been shewn that that discretion was manifestly wrong. There was no such thing as a private liquidator where, as in this case, there was a winding up by the court.

KENNEDY, J., refused the motion. His lordship said: There is no doubt that some court has power to exercise a discretion in reversing the decision of the registrar. For the purposes of to-day I will assume that I have that jurisdiction, and I think I ought not to reverse the decision. No misfeasance is alleged on the part of Mr. Ford. It appears that he was originally appointed by debenture-holders. As to numbers, I should certainly not merely count heads. Here there is a want of any sufficient proof that Mr. Ford is not a good manager or that he is unduly influenced. In all the circumstances I think I ought not to reverse the decision of the registrar. The application must therefore be dismissed with costs, such costs to include the costs of parties who have been served.—COUNSEL, Arnold White; E. Ford; Marten Q.C., and Bacon; Martelli; Pattison, Solicitors, H. W. Reeves & Son; Daubeny & Mead, for Fox & Whitlock, Bristol; Jackson & Prince; Stanley, Woodhouse, & Hedderwick; West, King, & Adams.

[Reported by V. DE S. FOWKE, Barrister-at-Law.]

LAW SOCIETIES.

INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY.

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL MEETING.

The following is the programme of the meetings:—

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9.

8 p.m.—The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Mr. Alderman Marshall) and the Lady Mayoress will receive the president, council, and members of the society, and the ladies accompanying them, at a conversation to be held in the Town Hall. Carriages may be ordered at 10.30 o'clock.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

11 a.m.—The members will be welcomed in the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor of Manchester. The president of the Incorporated Law Society, U.K. (Mr. F. P. Morrell, of Oxford), will deliver his inaugural address, which will be followed by the reading and discussion of papers.

1.30 to 2.30 p.m.—Adjournment for luncheon to the Grand Hotel, Aytoun-street, to which members are invited by the Manchester Incorporated Law Association. Tickets can be obtained at the inquiry office, the Memorial Hall, Albert-square.

2.30 to 4.30 p.m.—Reading and discussion of papers resumed.

7 p.m.—Banquet at the Assize Courts, Manchester. The chair will be taken by Mr. John Cooper, the president of the Manchester Incorporated Law Association. Carriages may be ordered at 10.30 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made for enabling members to visit several mills and works during the afternoon of this and the following day. It is

requested that members wishing to avail themselves of these arrangements will hand in their names at the inquiry office, in the Memorial Hall, before 11 o'clock on each day, stating which places they prefer to visit.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11.

10 a.m.—Meeting of the Solicitors' Benevolent Association, in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall.

11 a.m.—Reading and discussion of papers continued.

1.30 to 2.30 p.m.—Adjournment for luncheon to the Grand Hotel, to which members are invited by the Manchester Incorporated Law Association. Tickets can be obtained at the inquiry office, the Memorial Hall.

2.30 to 4.30 p.m.—Reading and discussion of papers continued. Close of the business of the meeting.

9 p.m.—Ball at Manchester Assembly Rooms, Cheetham Hill-road. Carriages may be ordered at 2.30 o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.

On this day there will be two alternative excursions.

No. 1. The Manchester Ship Canal. A special train will leave Manchester for Latchford in the morning, where the canal cutting and locks, and the deviation bridges, will be inspected. The party will then proceed to Saltpore, where a special steamer will be found to convey the party down the canal, through the Eastham locks, across the estuary of the Mersey, to the Liverpool Landing Stage. Omnibuses will meet the steamer and convey the party to Lime-street Station, where a special train will be provided for the return to Manchester. Luncheon will be provided by the Manchester Incorporated Law Association, and will be served on the steamer at Saltpore. Tickets covering the above journey can be obtained at the inquiry office, price 7s. each.

No. 2. Chatsworth. A special train will leave Manchester (Central Station) in the morning for Haesop, where carriages will be provided to convey the party by the Baslow Gate to Chatsworth House. Arrangements have been made for visiting Edensor Village and Church. By the kind permission of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, the party will have an opportunity of inspecting the house, grounds, and water display. His Grace has also most kindly stated his intention to provide luncheon in a large building in the grounds. After luncheon the party will drive through the park by the Beesley Gate to Rowley, where a special train will be provided for the return to Manchester. Members returning to London or the South can do so direct from Rowley by the London express, which, by special arrangement, will stop there at 5 p.m. Tickets for the above journey can be obtained at the inquiry office, price 7s. each.

The following are the papers to be read:—

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, at 11 A.M.

The proceedings will commence with the President's address, after which the following papers will be read:—

"Land Transfer: Some Popular Fallacies Considered," by Robert Ellett, of Cirencester.

"The Lord Chancellor and Local Land Registration," by J. W. Howlett, of Brighton.

"Land Transfer under a System of Compulsory Registration—Some Experiences of American Conveyancing," by W. J. Humfrye, of Hereford.

"The Land Transfer Bill, 1893," by B. G. Lake, of London.

"Directors and their Responsibilities," by G. A. Fisher, of London.

"Companies Limited by Guarantee," by G. T. Powell, of London.

"Some Relics of the House Peace in Folk Law," by H. T. Crofton, of Manchester.

"The Law Relating to Parliamentary Elections," by Walter Pepper-

corn, Oxford.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, at 11 A.M.

"Some Legal and other Details Relating to Local and General Inland Navigation in the United Kingdom," by John A. Read, of Manchester.

"Our Profession: Its Present-day Position and Obligations," by W. P. Fullagar, of Bolton.

"Chambers of Arbitration," by Herbert Bentwich, of London.

"Legal Reform: Unification of Civil Courts," by J. A. Bland, of Manchester.

"The Business of Law Administration," by Wm. Simpson, of Leicester.

"Old and Modern Legal Functions," by W. Pierce, of Liverpool.

"A Criticism of the Decision of the Court of Appeal in *Re Stuart, Ex parte Cathcart*," by A. H. Hastie, of London.

"The Law of the Forest," by G. R. Dodd, of London.

"The Appreciation of Gold and its Probable Effect on Investments," by A. G. Ellis, of London.

The President may make any alterations which he may think convenient in the order in which the papers are to be read and discussed.

LEGAL NEWS.

OBITUARY.

The *Times* announces the death of Mr. JOHN WAINSWRIGHT, in his eighty-ninth year. He had been one of the sworn clerks in the Six Clerks' Office of the Court of Chancery in succession to his uncle, and took an active part in promoting the Bill which abolished their office in 1842. On the abolition of the office of the six clerks Mr. Wainwright was offered, and accepted, the office of one of the taxing masters of the High Court of Chancery. This office he held for forty-five years, for the greater part of which time he was the senior master.

APPOINTMENTS.

LORD BOWEN, Sir ALBERT ROLLY, M.P., and Mr. R. B. HALDANE, Q.C., M.P., have, at the request of the Home Secretary, consented to act as Commissioners to inquire into and report upon the recent disturbances and loss of life at Featherstone.

Mr. GRANTHAM R. DODD, solicitor, 54, New Broad-street, London (Past Master of the Ancient Guild of Bakers), has been elected Master of the Glaziers' Company.

Mr. FRANCIS STURGE, solicitor, Bristol, has been appointed President of the Bristol Incorporated Law Society for the year ending October 1, 1894. Mr. Sturge was admitted in 1874.

CHANGES IN PARTNERSHIPS.

DISSOLUTION.

JOHN WILLIAMS BELL and ROBERT SADLER FREAME, solicitors and conveyancers (Bell & Freame), Gillingham. April 15.

GEORGE WILLIAM HOWARD JANEWAY, HENRY JACKSON TORR, HENRY EDWARD GRIBBLE, CHARLES WALTER ODDIE, and NORMAN MACLEOD SINCLAIR, solicitors and parliamentary agents (Torr, Janeway, Gribble, Oddie, & Sinclair, or Torr & Co.), 38, Bedford-row, London, and 19, Parliament-street, Westminster. The said George William Howard Janeway retires from the business. The said business will in future be carried on by the other partners at the above-mentioned places, under the style or firm of Torr, Gribble, Oddie, & Sinclair. September 1.

[Gazette, Sept. 29.]

GENERAL.

It is stated that Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., left England on Wednesday for Germany, and will be absent about a fortnight.

The charges of fraudulent trusteeship preferred by the Treasury against James Barber Edwards, surviving partner of the bankrupt firm of Mercer & Edwards, solicitors, Deal, were further investigated at Deal on Tuesday. The accused was committed for trial at Kent Assizes upon all the charges, bail being allowed in defendant's own recognizances of £1,000 and two sureties of £500 each.

We learn from the *Madras Law Times* that a somewhat embarrassing question recently arose before the Calcutta magistrates. The municipality charged an undertaker with keeping three horses and three carriages without obtaining a licence. With regard to the horses the prosecution carried their case; but as to the carriages, it was contended on behalf of the defendants that they were hearse, and therefore not carriages within the meaning of the Municipal Act—that is, "any wheeled vehicle with springs used for the conveyance of human beings." The magistrates held that the vehicles referred to were not carriages within the meaning of the Act; on the ground, we presume, that they were used for the conveyance of human bodies, but not of human "beings."

The *Times* says that the Middlesex County Council and Court of Quarter Sessions have now taken possession of the new offices which have been erected on the site of the old Middlesex Sessions-house in the Broad Sanctuary, Westminster. The new buildings, which have been erected from the plans of Mr. Pownall, the county surveyor, by Messrs. Higge & Hill at a cost of nearly £20,000, are built of red brick with stone facings, and consist of a basement (in which there are sixteen cells for male and three for female prisoners), witnesses' waiting-rooms, housekeeper's kitchen, and other rooms, together with a beer and wine cellar, and seven rooms for records. On the ground floor are two courts, private rooms for the chairman and vice-chairman, juries' waiting-rooms, and offices for the clerks and accountant's staffs, cloak, robing, and luncheon rooms for counsel and magistrates. On the first floor are consulting and waiting rooms for juries.

"A City Solicitor" writes to the *Times* as follows:—"As the Official Receiver is constantly pointing out the improved advantages of the present system of administration of insolvent estates, perhaps you will permit me through your columns to call the attention of the public to one more case of the excessive expense and delay under the present officialism. It was a case in which I was, unfortunately, a creditor, and had no other concern. The estate was wound up by the Official Receiver acting as trustee under a receiving order made September, 1891. The assets amounted to £3,230, of which £1,770 were for stock-in-trade, machinery, &c., readily sold by auction, and £1,175 book debts, easily collected, and £153 furniture, sold privately in one lot. There were no dividends to secured creditors, and only £20 paid to preferential creditors. £2,758 was paid to unsecured creditors. The law costs, including the costs of the petition, only came to £16 4s. But the Board of Trade took £254 for fees and £35 commission for collection of book debts, in addition to £101 for auctioneers' and surveyors' charges. It took the receiver a year and a half to wind up this estate. It is quite clear that over £200 might have been saved if this estate had not gone into the hands of the Board of Trade."

A correspondent of the *Times*, writing on the subject of Land Transfer, says:—"The letter you publish to-day from the Chief Clerk of the Land Registry supplies the strongest possible argument, to my mind, against compulsory registration as affecting temporary mortgages. Under the existing system temporary loans are raised with the greatest facility. One of my clients for many years was in the habit of depositing the deeds of his property in Essex with his bankers to meet his temporary requirements. The bankers originally satisfied themselves as to the value of the property, and whenever the deeds were in their possession granted him an overdraft

of an agreed amount. This transaction involved no delay, and was carried out at the cost of the stamp on the form of equitable deposit, and the loan or overdraft so granted was in most instances repaid within a few days. How would such a transaction be possible if the deposit of either the deeds or the certificate of registration gave no lien on the property and the transaction to be complete must be accompanied with formal documents registered at the Land Transfer Office? In effect the customer of the bank would be deprived of the facility of obtaining loans from his bankers when the demands of the day required it. I need hardly refer to the experience of every solicitor as to the temporary loans which clients find it convenient to raise from time to time on the deeds which they leave in their solicitors' safes."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

BONAR.—Sept. 28, at 15, Strathearn-place, Edinburgh, the wife of Horatius Bonar, Writer to the Signet, of a son.
MARTIN.—Sept. 26, at Fairlight, Upper Norwood, the wife of Herbert J. Martin, solicitor, of a daughter.
PRIESTLEY.—Oct. 2, at Glenthorne, Bromley, Kent, the wife of J. C. Priestley, barrister-at-law, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FLUX—WOOD.—Sept. 26, at St. Saviour's, Paddington, William Flux, of 39, Warrington-crescent, to Ellen, widow of Sidney Wood, of West Hampstead.
HUGHES—WILLIAMS.—Sept. 26, at St. George's, Bickley, Kent, Edward Arthur Hughes, solicitor, of 1, Clement's-inn, to Mary Alicia Sarah, only daughter of the late Edward Williams, M.D., of Wrexham.
JENKINS—SOUTHEY.—Sept. 28, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Streatham, Thomas Lowten Jenkins, of Her Majesty's Indian Civil Service, and barrister-at-law, Inner Temple, to Bertha Wilson Southey, youngest daughter of the late Captain Herbert Southey, R.N.
ORA—THOMPSON.—Sept. 7, at Monkstown Church, co. Dublin, J. W. Ora, M.A., barrister-at-law, of Bombay, to Ella, youngest daughter of the late George Frederick Thompson.
OWEN—LINES.—Sept. 21, at St. Matthew's Church, Oakley-square, N.W., John Vulliamy Owen, solicitor, 45, Bedford-row, W.C., to Annie Ellen, eldest daughter of Richard Lines, High-street, Marylebone.
TREMELLEN—HARGREAVES.—Sept. 21, at St. Wilfred's, Hayward's Heath, Sussex, Edgar Herbert Tremellen, of 186, Portadown-road, Maida-vale, W., and 33, Chancery-lane, W.C., solicitor, to Marian Elizabeth Hargreaves, of Hayward's Heath.

DEATHS.

MAIDLOW.—Sept. 26, at 1, Cleveland-terrace, Hyde-park, John M. Maidlow, late Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and of Lincoln's-inn, barrister-at-law, aged 54.
SPARKS.—Sept. 30, quite suddenly, of apoplexy, W. Blencowe Sparks, of Misterton, Somerset, solicitor, aged 51.

STAMMERERS of all ages, and parents of stammering children should read a book written by a gentleman who cured himself after suffering nearly forty years. Post-free for thirteen stamps from Mr. B. BEASLEY, Brampton-park, Huntingdon, or "Sherwood," Willesden-lane, Brondesbury, London.

WARNING TO INTENDING HOUSE PURCHASERS & LESSEES.—Before purchasing or renting a house have the Sanitary arrangements thoroughly examined by an expert from the Sanitary Engineering & Ventilation Co., 65, next the Meteorological Office, Victoria-st., Westminster (Lancs. 1275), who also undertake the Ventilation of Offices, &c. [ADVT.]

WINDING UP NOTICES.

London Gazette.—FRIDAY, Sept. 29.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

LIMITED IN CHANCERY.

D'O'LEY & Co, LIMITED.—Petn for winding up, presented Sept 14, directed to be heard on Wednesday, Oct 4. Rubinstein, Regent st, Waterloo place, solor for petner. Notice of appearing must reach the abovenamed not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct 3.
MOSEY WIGRAM & SONS, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Nov 13, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Charles Hampden Wigram and Robert Wigram, 7, Leadenhall st. Waltons & Co, Leadenhall st, solors for liquidators.

MUMFERY & SONS, LIMITED.—By an order made by Kennedy, J., dated Sept 20, it was ordered that the voluntary winding up of the company be continued. Hogan & Hughes, Martin's lane, Cannon st, solors for petner.

PATELEY BRIDGE PUBLIC COCA HOUSE CO, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Oct 19, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Wm. Oddie, Pateley Bridge.

UNLIMITED IN CHANCERY.

ROBINSON, SMITH, RILEY, & Co.—Creditors are required, on or before Oct 27, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Christopher Marshall Riley, John Shepherd, Joseph Robinson, Christopher Shackleton, and Matthew Pinder, Guiseley. Newstead & Co, Odey, solors for liquidators.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

SUSPENDED FOR THREE MONTHS.

COURT ROSE OF ENGLAND, Foresters' Friendly Society, St Peter's Schools, Chapel st, Congleton, Chester. Sept 27.
SECOND POOR MAN'S CLUB AND FRIENDLY SOCIETY, Schoolroom, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Bucks. Sept 26.

London Gazette.—TUESDAY, Oct. 3.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

LIMITED IN CHANCERY.

ANTICUTA SYNDICATE CO, LIMITED.—Petn for winding up, presented Sept 20, directed to be heard on Oct 11. Piesse & Son, Old Jewry chambers, solors for petners. Notice of appearing must reach the abovenamed not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct 10.
CARLINGTON STYKE (NOTTINGHAM) LACE DRESSING AND DYING CO, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Oct 15, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Samuel Patrick Derbyshire, Swann's bldgs, Wheeler gate, Nottingham.

GENERAL CREDIT CO, LIMITED.—Petn for winding up, presented Oct 2, directed to be heard on Oct 25. Raphael, Moorgate st, solor for petner. Notice of appearing must reach the abovenamed not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct 24.

GENERAL CREDIT CO, LIMITED.—Petn for winding up, presented Sept 25, directed to be heard on Oct 25. Child & Son, Guildhall chambers, Basinghall st, solors for petner. Notice of appearing must reach the abovenamed not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct 24.

HEMLEY PUBLISHING CO, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Nov 6, to send

their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to John Henry Jenks, 48, New Broad st. Savage, Ludgate hill, solor for liquidator.

HORROCK'S, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Oct 28, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Benjamin Newstead, 3, Church passage, Guildhall. Greenop & Sons, solors for liquidator.

JAMES VALLENTINE & Co, LIMITED.—Petn for winding up, presented Sept 29, directed to be heard before Kennedy, J., on Wednesday, Oct 11. Bowditch & Co, Bedford row, agents for Rees-Mogg & Davy, Bristol, solors for petner. Notice of appearing must reach the abovenamed not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct 5.

LAWRENCE THOMAS & Co, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Nov 16, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to A. N. Frewer and G. W. Bake, 34, Nicholas lane. Harwood & Stephenson, Lombard st, solors for liquidators.

MARTIN, WALLIS, & Co, LIMITED.—Petn for winding up, presented Sept 28, directed to be heard before Kennedy, J., on Wednesday, Oct 11. Bowditch & Co, Bedford row, agents for Rees-Mogg & Davy, Bristol, solors for petner. Notice of appearing must reach the abovenamed not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct 5.

MUMFERY & SONS, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Nov 9, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Archibald Hume Mumfery, 258, Holloway rd.

NEW DEVALA MOYAR GOLD MINING CO, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Nov 30, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Alfred Neville Frewer, 34, Nicholas lane. Lattey & Hart, Devonshire sq, solors for liquidator.

NORFOLK COUNTY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Nov 18, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to William Hitchcock and George Howard Anderson, King st, King's Lynn.

OLYMPIC MUSIC HALL, LIMITED.—Petn for winding up, presented Oct 3, directed to be heard on Oct 11. Hindson-Miller & Vernon, Coleman st, solors for petner. Notice of appearing must reach the abovenamed not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct 10.

WATFORD AND WEST HEATH INDUSTRIAL AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Oct 31, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Charles Henry Halsey, 52, High st, Watford.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES DISSOLVED.

EYNHAM SEVEN YEARS BENEFIT SOCIETY, New Inn, Eynham, Oxford. Sept 30.

FIRST FRIENDLY SOCIETY, Bull Hotel, Welshpool, Montgomery. Sept 28.

SANCTUARY PROTECTION, Ancient Order of Shepherds, Blenheim Arms, Ramilies st, Oxford st. Sept 30.

STOCKTON MUTUAL TEMPERANCE BENEFIT SOCIETY, Vestry of the United Methodist Free Church, Regent st, Stockton on Tees, Durham. Sept 30.

CREDITORS' NOTICES.

UNDER 22 & 23 VICT. CAP. 35.

LAST DAY OF CLAIM.

London Gazette.—FRIDAY, Sept. 22.

AYLES, MARIA, Ringwood, co Southampton Nov 8 Davy, Ringwood

BLACK, HENRY, Small Heath, Birmingham, Farmer Oct 31 Tyler & Hobson, Birmingham

BURKINSHAW, DAVID, Bolton, Blacksmith Forthwith Riteon, Bolton

BURTON, CAROLINE ANNA, Southampton Nov 4 Hickman & Son, Southampton

CORE, FREDERICK JOHN HOOKER, Liv' spoor, Ship's Steward Oct 19 Bowling & Son, Leeds

DICKINSON, JOHN, Poyle Oct 14 Durant, Windsor

EDMONDSON, JOHN, Bolton to Sands, Lancs, Foreman Platelayer Dec 15 Whitaker, Duchy of Lancaster Office, Lancaster pl

FINDLATER, HANNAH, Redland, Bristol Oct 18 Jacques & Sons, Bristol

GARRAD, HORATIO JAMES, GRAYS, Essex, Butcher Nov 1 Hunt & Co, St Swithin's lane, and Grays and Romford

GLADWELL, HENRY WILLIAM, formerly of Gracechurch st, Printseller Nov 30 Howes, Abchurch yard

GORDON, FELICITE HELEN COLEBROOK, Stone, Staffs Nov 1 Fooks & Co, Carey street, Lincoln's inn

HARICHT, CONRAD, London st, Fitzroy sq, Licensed Victualler Oct 21 Kaighley & Co, Lincoln's inn fields

HILL, JOHN, Mincing lane, Solicitor Oct 24 Goddard, Old Sergeants' inn

HODGES, JOHN, Woolpoles, co Hereford, Gent Nov 9 Humphrys, Hereford

HOLL, HARRIET, Llamapley, Mon Oct 14 Jones, Abergavenny

ISRAEL, ABRAHAM, Bristol, Furniture Dealer Dec 1 Spofforth, Bristol

JAMES, HENRY, Lavender hill, Clapham, Licensed Victualler Nov 1 Guscotte & Co, Essex st, Strand

JAMES, WILLIAM LAMPREY, Alphington, Exeter Nov 1 Guscotte & Co, Essex st, Strand

JOHNTY, MARY, Sedgley, Charlcombe, Bath Oct 21 Upton & Co, Austinfriars

KAYE, RALPH, Aughton, Lancs, Yeoman Oct 20 Bradley & Son, Liverpool

LIDDOX, JOHN, Arterberry rd, Wimbledon, Esq, Barrister at Law Oct 23 Few & Co, Surrey st, Strand

LION, MAXIMILIAN, Berlin, Germany, Merchant Oct 19 Rehder, Mincing lane

MARCUS, JAMES, Gower st Nov 1 Rose-Innes & Co, Billiter sq bldgs

MARKHAM, LUCY HANNAH, Heigham, Norwich Oct 25 Blyth, Norwich

MARRIOTT, EMMA, Boulevard Hausmann, Paris Oct 20 Sewell & Maughan, Paris

McLACHLAN, JOHN, Braintree, Essex, Draper Nov 23 Cunningham & Co, Braintree

MOODY, JAMES, Southsea, retired Provision Merchant Nov 6 Way & Son, Portsea

NOBBS, WILLIAM, Bousfield rd, Lewisham, Boot Manufacturer Oct 25 Howard & Shelton, Tower chambers, Moorgate

PAWSEY, JOSEPH, Haughley, Suffolk, Farmer Oct 31 Ashton, Bury st Edmunds

POTTS, HENRY JOHN, Lisfettes, co Denbigh, Esq Oct 23 Potts & Co, Chester

RHOADS, HANNAH, Pembroke gds, Baywater Oct 21 Stamford & Metcalfe, Bradford

ROBINSON, EDWARD, Croydon, Surrey, Gent Oct 15 Cooper, Croydon

SAWYER, MARIA, Broomhouse rd, Fulham Oct 31 Haines, Serjeant's inn

SCUDAMORE, ELIZA PHILADELPHIA, Canterbury Oct 25 Payne & Lattey, Leadenhall st

STONES, CHARLES JOHN, Derby, Gent Nov 30 Moody & Woolley, Derby

TAYLOR, ALMA FANNY, Moore, nr Newcastle under Lyme Nov 1 Hellard & Son, Peterborough

TREMAIN, EDWARD, Orpington, Kent Nov 1 May & Co, Adelaide pl, London Bridge

WEBB, JAMES, Chalford, Glos, Coal Merchant Nov 1 Croome & Co, Stroud

WEBB, SARAH, Chalford, Glos Nov 1 Croome & Co, Stroud

WINTER, WILLIAM, Hensett, Suffolk, Farmer Nov 1 A E Edgar, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds

BANKRUPTCY NOTICES.

London Gazette.—FRIDAY, Sept. 29.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

ANTHONY, WILLIAM, Plymouth, Commercial Traveller
East Stonehouse Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
BARNES, MARK, Blackburn, Joiner Blackburn Pet Sept
27 Ord Sept 27
BROADBENT, JOHN WILLIAM, Liverpool, Engineer Liver-
pool Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
CLIFFE, ALFRED, Barnsley, Mechanic Barnsley Pet Sept
25 Ord Sept 25
CRAWFORD, FRANCIS RICHARD, late of Cardiff, Colliery
Proprietor Cardiff Pet Sept 23 Ord Sept 23
DAVIES, ROBERT, Pant Ilin mawr, Llanelwst, Denbighshire,
Farmer Portmadoc and Blaenau Festiniog Pet Sept
25 Ord Sept 25
DE GROOT, WILLIAM, late Bath st, Victualler High Court
Pet Aug 11 Ord Sept 25
FRYER, GEORGE, Pontycymmer, Glam, Boot Dealer Car-
diff Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
FISHER, JAMES, HENRY, and BENJAMIN ROBERT OBYIS,
Ipswich, Boot Manufacturers Ipswich Pet Sept 13
Ord Sept 25
GOS, HENRY, Pilton, Barnstaple, Dairyman Barnstaple
Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
GOWEN, JAMES, Folkestone, Lodging house Keeper Canter-
bury Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
HENDY, HENRY RICKETTS, Chorlton on Medlock, Man-
chester, Cab Proprietor Manchester Pet Aug 5 Ord
Sept 25
HODGINS, TOM, Burnley, Butcher Burnley Pet Sept 27
Ord Sept 27
HOLLAND, EDWARD, Manchester, Flour Dealer Manchester
Pet Sept 9 Ord Sept 25
HULL, THOMAS, and HIRAM RUSSELL, St Albans, Painters
St Albans Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
JONES, EUBLE CLARKE, Ponkey, Raabon, Denbighshire,
Grocer Wrexham Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
KING, JOHN, King's Norton, Worcester, Brickmaker Birming-
ham Pet Sept 8 Ord Sept 27
KNAPP-HANDS, WILLIAM, Dartford, Kent, Tinsplate Worker
Rochester Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
LEWIS, ELIZA, Lea Marston, Warwickshire, Butcher Bir-
mingham Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
LORD, KATHERINE, Portadown rd, Paddington, School-
mistress High Court Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
MATTHIAS, WILLIAM, Newport, Mon, Outfitter Newport
Mon Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
MOORE, WILLIAM, Oldham, Licensed Victualler Oldham
Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
MORRIS, EDWARD (jun), Grendon, Atherstone, Warwick-
shire, Farmer Birmingham Pet Sept 27 Ord
Sept 27
NEEDHAM, JOSEPH, Leicester, Coal Merchant Leicester
Pet Sept 5 Ord Sept 25
PARROTT, JANE, Neville st, Fulham, Lodging house Keeper
High Court Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
PATT, WILLIAM, High Bickington, Devon, Farmer Barn-
staple Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
RATHBONE, JOHN, Exhall, Warwickshire, Licensed Victu-
aller Coventry Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
REES, THOMAS, Caernarvon, Morriston, nr Swansea, Haulier
Swansea Pet Sept 23 Ord Sept 23
REES, WILLIAM BERTIE SKONE, Haverfordwest, Grocer
Pembroke Dock Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
RIPLEY, WILLIAM, Leeds, Grocer Leeds Pet Sept 25 Ord
Sept 25
STARK, ANTHONY, Darlington, Painter Stockton on Tees
and Middlesbrough Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
SWALES, BENJAMIN JAMES, Liverpool, Boot Manufacturer's
Agent Liverpool Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
TANNER, ERNEST JAMES, Torquay, Book Keeper Exeter
Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
TAYLOR, JAMES HENRY, Shrewsbury, Music Seller Shrews-
bury Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
WATERS, JOHN HENRY, Plymouth, Waiter East Stonehouse
Pet Sept 15 Ord Sept 25
WATERS, TAYPHEA, Plymouth, Lodging House Keeper
East Stonehouse Pet Sept 23 Ord Sept 23
WILCOCK, THOMAS, Preston, Joiner Preston Pet Sept 25
Ord Sept 25
WILLIAMS, RICHARD, Cheltenham, Plumber Cheltenham
Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
WOODGET, JOHN, Drury lane, Window Glass Merchant
High Court Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
WRIGHT, ARTHUR WILLIAM HENRY, Bedford pk, Chiswick,
Shopwalker Brentford Pet Aug 17 Ord Sept 25
WYKE, RICHARD, West Bromwich, Tailor West Bromwich
Pet Sept 21 Ord Sept 25
YATES, S S, Southsea, Milliner Portsmouth Pet Sept 12
Ord Sept 25

FIRST MEETINGS.

BARBER, JAMES, Weobley, Herefordshire, Blacksmith Oct
9 at 10 4, Court st, Leominster
BIRNIE, JOHN, Tipton, Staffs, Tailor Oct 6 at 12 Off Rec,
Dudley
BIRD, WILLIAM CULVERWELL, Leicester, Dyer Oct 6 at
12.30 Off Rec, 34, Friar lane, Leicester
BROWN, JOHN, Selisle, Horton in Ribblesdale, Yorks,
Farmer Oct 10 at 11 Off Rec, 31, Manor row, Brad-
ford
COLL, HENRY, Scarborough, Hairdresser Oct 6 at 11.30
Off Rec, 74, Newborough st, Scarborough
COOK, ABRAHAM, Coventry, Watch Manufacturer Oct 12
at 11.30 Off Rec, 17, Hertford st, Coventry
DAVIS, HORACE JAMES, Grandport, Oxford, Fishmonger
Oct 10 at 11.30 1, St Aldate's, Oxford
DAY, JOSEPH, and JULES DENT YOUNG, Cannon st,
Mechanical Engineers Oct 6 at 12 Bankruptcy bldgs,
Canary
DRAKE, GEORGE FREDERICK, Halifax, Short Wool Dealer
Oct 7 at 11 Off Rec, Townhall chmbrs, Halifax
EARP, ROBERT BURNELL, Beeston, nr Nottingham, Clerk in
employ of Joint Stock Co Oct 7 at 11 Off Rec, St
Peter's Church walk, Nottingham

EVELYN, EDWARD SHEP, Boodle's Club, St James's st
Oct 11 at 11 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
GOWEN, JAMES, Folkestone, Lodging house Keeper Oct 6
at 11 Off Rec, 73, Castle st, Canterbury
GRIFFITHS, GRIFFITH, Llanhaeadr yn Mochnant, Denbigh-
shire, Innkeeper Oct 6 at 1 Off Rec, Llanidloes
HAMFORD, JAMES, Talbach, Glam, Draper Oct 6 at 11 Off
Rec, Bank chmbrs, Corn st, Bristol
HARRIS, HENRY JOHN, Newtonton causeway, Mantle
Maker Oct 11 at 12 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
HARVEY, JAMES, Dudley, Oyster Merchant Oct 6 at 10.30
Off Rec, Dudley
HODGSON, TOM, Wyke, Bristol, Yorks, Licensed Victualler
Oct 9 at 11 Off Rec, 31, Manor row, Bradford
HOWE, JOHN, Blaenavon, Llanover, Mon, Coffee house
Keeper Oct 6 at 8 Off Rec, 65, High st, Merthyr
Tydill
JARMAN, JOHN, Hove, Sussex, Wheelwright Oct 6 at 11.30
Off Rec, 4, Pavilion bldgs, Brighton
JEREMY, RICHARD, New inn Broadway, Curtain rd, Timber
Merchant Oct 6 at 1 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
JOHNSON, FLETCHER ATKINSON, Bradford, Chemist Oct 9
at 12 Off Rec, 31, Manor row, Bradford
KNAPP-HANDS, WILLIAM, Dartford, Kent, Tinsplate Worker
Oct 19 at 10.30 Off Rec, Rochester
LACET, WILLIAM RANDAL, the Butts, Brentford, Contractor
Oct 6 at 3 Off Rec, 95, Temple chmbrs, Temple
avenue
LLOYD, THOMAS, Cockett, Swansea, Quarryman Oct 9 at 12
Off Rec, 31, Alexandra rd, Swansea
LOCKLEY, JOHN, Cheltenham, Grocer Oct 10 at 4 County
Court bldgs, Cheltenham
LORD, KATHERINE, Portadown rd, Paddington, School-
mistress Oct 6 at 1 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
LOWE, JONATHAN, Newcastle on Tyne, House Furnisher Oct
6 at 11 Off Rec, Pink lane, Newcastle on Tyne
MORGAN, JOHN, Swansea, Commission Agent Oct 7 at 12
Off Rec, 31, Alexandra rd, Swansea
PALMER, RICHARD ELLIOTT, Newdigate, Surrey, late
Wine Merchant Nov 7 at 11.30 24, Railway approach,
London Bridge
PARFETTER, EDWIN, Coventry, Coal Dealer Oct 12 at 12 Off
Rec, 17, Hertford st, Coventry
PARKIN, MAURICE HENRY, Bristol, formerly Grocer Oct 6
at 12 Off Rec, 31, Alexandra rd, Swansea
PENLEY, CLAUDE ASHLEY ANSON, Baron's Court rd, West
Kensington, Solicitor Oct 9 at 12 Bankruptcy bldgs,
Carey st
PITCHFORTH, HERBERT LYNCH, Ulverston, Lancs, Tobac-
conist Oct 6 at 11.30 16, Cornwallis st, Barrow in
Furness
PRICHARD, MAURICE ST BARRE, Chiswell st, Australian
Merchant Oct 9 at 11 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
ROBERTSON, WILLIAM, Northwich, Cheshire, Grocer Oct 6
at 10.45 Royal Hotel, Crews
RUXTON, FREDERICK SAMUEL, Acre Junction, Glos, Rail-
way Station Inspector Oct 7 at 3.30 Off Rec, 15, King
st, Gloucester
TANNER, ERNEST JAMES, Torquay, Book Keeper Oct 19 at
10.30 Off Rec, 13, Bedford circus, Exeter
TILSTON, THOMAS, Sunderland, Clerk in Holy Orders Oct
6 at 2.30 Off Rec, 25, John st, Sunderland
TURNER, WILLIAM, Rothburgh, Public-house Manager Oct
10 at 8 Off Rec, Figtree lane, Sheffield
WELCH, HENRY CUMMINGS, Penryn, Cornwall, Ironmonger
Oct 6 at 11.30 Off Rec, Boswell st, Truro
WEST, JOHN, and FREDERICK WILLIAM WEST, Gt Somer-
ford, Wilts, Timber Merchants Oct 11 at 12 Angel
Hotel, Chippenham
WILCOCKSON, JOHN, Sheffield, out of business Oct 10 at
3.30 Off Rec, Figtree lane, Sheffield
WILKINSON, JOSEPH, Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester,
Saddler Oct 6 at 3 Ogden's chmbrs, Bridge st, Man-
chester

ADJUDICATIONS.

ANTHONY, WILLIAM, Plymouth, Commercial Traveller
East Stonehouse Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
BARNES, MARK, Blackburn, Joiner Blackburn Pet Sept
27 Ord Sept 27
BEAUCLEER, HENRY WILLIAM, Hastings, Gent Hastings
Pet Sept 23 Ord Sept 23
BURGESS, JOHN ALFRED, Leicester, Beerhouse Keeper
Leicester Pet Sept 2 Ord Sept 25
CAVE, GLADWIN CLOVES, Hart st, Bloomabury, no occupa-
tion High Court Pet Mar 8 Ord Sept 25
CLIFFE, ALFRED, Barnsley, Mechanic Barnsley Pet Sept
25 Ord Sept 25
CRAWFORD, FRANCIS RICHARD, late of Cardiff, Colliery
Proprietor Cardiff Pet Sept 23 Ord Sept 23
CROSS, JAMES (Major), Eirianfa, Llangollen, Denbighshire,
Civil Engineer Wrexham Pet Aug 8 Ord Sept 27
DAVIES, ROBERT, Pant Ilin mawr, Llanelwst, Denbighshire,
Farmer Portmadoc and Blaenau Festiniog Pet Sept
25 Ord Sept 25
DAWSON, THOMAS MOORE, Newcastle on Tyne, Auctioneer
Newcastle on Tyne Pet Sept 1 Ord Sept 25
DRAKE, ROBERT LEWIS, Leicester, Furniture Dealer Man-
chester Pet Sept 14 Ord Sept 23
FEIVER, GEORGE, Pontycymmer, Glam, Boot Dealer Car-
diff Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
GOS, HENRY, Pilton, Barnstaple, Dairyman Barnstaple
Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
GOWEN, JAMES, Folkestone, Lodging-house Keeper Canter-
bury Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
HARRIS, HENRY JOHN, Newtonton-causeway, Mantle
Maker High Court Pet Sept 19 Ord Sept 25
HOLDEN, TOM, Burnley, Butcher Burnley Pet Sept 26
Ord Sept 27
HODGKINSON, FRANK, Columbia, Hendon, no occupation
Barnet Pet Aug 3 Ord Sept 23
HOLLAND, EDWARD, Manchester, Flour Dealer Manchester
Pet Sept 9 Ord Sept 25
HULL, THOMAS, and HIRAM RUSSELL, St Albans, Painters
St Albans Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
HUTCHINGS, JOHN JAMES, Chichester, Livery stable Keeper
Brighton Pet Aug 26 Ord Sept 27
JONES, EUBLE CLARKE, Ponkey, Raabon, Denbighshire,
Grocer Wrexham Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25

KNAPP-HANDS, WILLIAM, Dartford, Kent, Tinsplate Worker
Rochester Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
LEWIS, ELIZA, Lea Marston, Warwickshire, Butcher
Birmingham Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
LORD, KATHERINE, Portadown rd, Paddington, School-
mistress High Court Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 27
MATTHIAS, WILLIAM, Newport, Mon, Outfitter Newport,
Mon Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
PATT, WILLIAM, High Bickington, Devon, Farmer Barn-
staple Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
RANSON, RICHARD THOMAS, Long lane, Bermuda, Licen-
sed Victualler High Court Pet Aug 31 Ord
Sept 23
RATHBONE, HERMAN, jun, Bishopsgate st Within High Court
Pet Aug 18 Ord Sept 27
RATHBONE, JOHN, Exhall, Warwickshire, Licensed Victu-
aller Coventry Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 27
REES, THOMAS, Caernarvon, Morriston, nr Swansea, Haulier
Swansea Pet Sept 23 Ord Sept 23
REES, WILLIAM BERTIE SKONE, Haverfordwest, Grocer
Pembroke Dock Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 27
RICKARD, SEYMOUR LAWREN, Bristol, Tailor Bristol Pet Sept
14 Ord Sept 25
RIPLEY, WILLIAM, Leeds, Grocer Leeds Pet Sept 25 Ord
Sept 25
STARK, ANTHONY, Darlington, Painter Stockton on Tees
and Middlesbrough Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
STONE, HENRY CHARLES, Cowfold, Sussex, Farmer Brighton
Pet Aug 10 Ord Sept 27
TANNER, ERNEST JAMES, Torquay, Book keeper Exeter
Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
WATERS, JOHN HENRY, Plymouth, Waiter East Stone-
house Pet Sept 15 Ord Sept 25
WATERS, TAYPHEA, Plymouth, Lodging house Keeper
East Stonehouse Pet Sept 23 Ord Sept 23
WELCH, HENRY CUMMINGS, Penryn, Cornwall, Ironmonger
Truro Pet Sept 14 Ord Sept 25
WEST, FREDERICK WILLIAM, Great Somerford, Wilts,
Timber Merchant Swindon Pet Sept 16 Ord Sept 25
WILCOCK, THOMAS, Preston, Joiner Preston Pet Sept 25
Ord Sept 25
WILLIAMS, RICHARD, Cheltenham, Plumber Cheltenham
Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
WINDSOR, HERBERT BOLTON, Stock Exchange High Court
Pet Aug 18 Ord Sept 25
WOODGET, JOHN, Drury lane, Window Glass Merchant
High Court Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
YATES, S S, Southsea, Milliner Portsmouth Pet Sept 12
Ord Sept 25

The following amended notice is substituted for that pub-
lished in the London Gazette of 29 Sept.:-

ROBERTO, WILLIAM ALFRED, Oswestry, Salop, Jeweller
Wrexham Pet Aug 23 Ord Sept 19

London Gazette.—TUESDAY, Oct. 3.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

ALEXANDER, THOMAS, Delling, and Thurnham, Kent,
Farmer Maidstone Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
ALMOND, HENRY, Blackburn, Cotton Spinner Blackburn
Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
ANDREWS, WILLIAM, Nottingham, Electrician Nottingham
Pet July 4 Ord Sept 25
BENNETT, WALTER, Bredon, Worcs, Market Gardener
Cheltenham Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
BETT, WILLIAM, Alvingham, Lancs, Miller Gt Grimsby
Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 25
BIRCH, JOSEPH EDWARD, and ALFRED ASHTON, Higher
Openhaw, Lancs, Builders Manchester Pet Sept 25
Ord Sept 25
BOOTH, TOM, Gorton, Manchester, Grocer Manchester Pet
Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
BRAFIELD, THOMAS, Gt Linford, Bucks, Farmer North-
ampton Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
BRANST, DAVID, Newport, Mon, Commission Agent New-
port, Mon Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
BROOKS, WILLIAM HENRY, Chipping Norton, Oxon, Draper
Oxford Pet Sept 6 Ord Sept 27
CARTER, FREDERICK JOSEPH, Birmingham, Jeweller's Fac-
tor Birmingham Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
COOP, JOSEPH, Warrington, Innkeeper Warrington Pet
Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
COOPER, WILLIAM, Wandsworth, Surrey, late Commission
Agent Wandsworth Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
CRANTER, HENRY, St Anne's on the Sea, Lancs, Cotton
Waste Merchant Preston Pet Sept 5 Ord Sept 25
DAVEY, JOHN, Priestcote, Nantymoel, Glam, Builder Car-
diff Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
DORR, JOSEPH, Northwood, 1 W, Farmer Newport and
Ryde Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
DYSTER, WILLIAM, Aldermanbury, Umbrella Manufacturer
High Court Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
ECKLEY, DAVID, Ferndale, Glam, Blacksmith Pontypriid
Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
FERRET, MORRIS, Worcester, Carver Worcester Pet
Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
GAMBLE, HARRY RUDY, Grimsdon, Norfolk, Farmer King's
Lynn Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
GAY, THOMAS, Bristol, Tailor Bristol Pet Sept 25 Ord
Sept 25
GOODWIN, THOMAS WILLIAM WOOLLEY, Teignmouth,
Devon, Wine Merchant Exeter Pet Sept 25 Ord
Sept 25
GURR, EDWARD, and JOHN GURR, Gt Bath st, Clerkenwell,
Butcher High Court Pet Sept 20 Ord Sept 20
HAMPFORD, HARRY, Birmingham, Printer Birmingham
Pet Sept 18 Ord Sept 25
HARDING, JAMES, St Albans, Dairyman St Albans Pet
Sept 20 Ord Sept 20
HARRISON, GEORGE WILLIAM, Rhyl, Flint, Tobaccoist
Bangor Pet Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
HAYWARD, THOMAS, Northleach, Glos, Grocer Cheltenham
Pet Sept 15 Ord Sept 27
HENRY, WILLIAM, Liverpool, Shoemaker Liverpool Pet
Sept 25 Ord Sept 25
HILL, WILLIAM, Worcester, Baker Worcester Pet Sept 20
Ord Sept 20

JENKINS, JOSEPH, Tonypandy, Glam, Insurance Agent Pontypridd Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
 KASTON, BELIE, Broad st, Cheapside, Warehouseman High Court Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 LAMB, WILLIAM, Blackfriars rd, Teacher of Dancing High Court Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 LAWRENCE, JAMES, Bexley Heath, Kent, Grocer Rochester Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 LAWRENCE, THOMAS, Essex st, Strand, Architect High Court Pet Sept 1 Ord Sept 30
 LONG, THOMAS GEORGE, Scholes, Hepworth, nr Huddersfield, Grocer Huddersfield Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 MACKENZIE BROTHERS, High rd, Knightsbridge, Boot-sellers High Court Pet July 8 Ord Sept 30
 MARTIN, THOMAS HAIGH, Halifax, Milliner Halifax Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 MODER, HENRY, Cambridge, Brewer Cambridge Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 MORRIS, JOSEPH, late of Manchester, Tailor Manchester Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 PATRICK, JAMES, Burnham Market, Norfolk, Coal Merchant Norwich Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 PENBERTON, WILLIAM, Derby, Builder Derby Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 PERKINS, THOMAS HENRY, Southampton, Fruiterer Southampton Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 RAMSAY, ALEXANDER, ENTWISTLE, Cheltenham, Baronet Cheltenham Pet Sept 16 Ord Sept 27
 SENIOR, THOMAS PAGET, Fleck, Walsall, Draper Walsall Pet Sept 26 Ord Sept 26
 SHINWALD, LEVI, South Shields, late Grocer Leeds Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 SMITH, HENRY, and WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, Maltm, Yorks, Timber Merchants Kingston upon Hull Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 SMITH, SYDNEY, Osborne rd, Stroud Green, Financial Agent High Court Pet Sept 9 Ord Sept 28
 SODER, JOHN, Stanground, Hunts, Florist Peterborough Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 SPENCER, WILLIAM, Halifax, Cabinet Maker Halifax Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 TURNER, DAVID, North Shields, Steamship Owner Newcastle on Tyne Pet Sept 18 Ord Sept 28
 WALTER, EDGAR, Banbury, Oxon, Wood Carver Banbury Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 WALTER, HENRY, Vassall rd, Brixton, Wine Merchant High Court Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 WEBBER, JAMES HENRY, Tiverton, Devon, Coal Merchant Exeter Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 WEST, CHARLES, Leicester, Clothier Leicester Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 WESTON, WILLIAM HENRY, Woolwich, Cowkeeper Greenwich Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
 WHITTY, GEORGE, Maiden Newton, Dorset, Coal Merchant Dorchester Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 WILD, ALFRED, Middlesbrough, formerly Iron Planer Middlesbrough Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 WOODFIRE, RICHARD, Glenpark rd, Forest Gate, Flour Traveller High Court Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29

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DURRIDGE, GEORGE BENJAMIN, Guildford, Surrey, Solicitor Guildford Pet Sept 9 Ord Sept 9

FIRST MEETINGS.

ANTHONY, WILLIAM, Plymouth, Commercial Traveller Oct 12 at 12 10, Athensum ter, Plymouth
 BATES, THOMAS, Hockley, Birmingham, Builder Oct 12 at 11 23, Colmore row, Birmingham
 BIRCH, JOSEPH EDWARD, and ALFRED ASHTON, Higher Openshaw, Lancs, Builders Oct 10 at 3 Ogden's chmbrs, Bridge st, Manchester
 BOOTH, WILLIAM STOREY, Derby, Coal Merchant Oct 10 at 2 30 Off Rec, St. James's chmbrs, Derby
 CLARK, ALLAN WISE, Uak, Mon, Physician Oct 11 at 12 Off Rec, Gloucester Bank chmbrs, Newport, Mon
 DAVIES, DAVID, New Tredgar, Mon, Grocer Oct 10 at 3 Off Rec, 65, High st, Merthyr Tydfil
 DURRIDGE, GEORGE BENJAMIN, Guildford, Surrey, Solicitor Oct 12 at 12 30 County and Borough Hall, Guildford
 FAIRLIE, BURT, Lancaster pl, strand, Journalist Oct 12 at 13 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
 FERRET, MORETON, Worcester, Carver Worcester Oct 18 at 3 30 Off Rec, 45, Copenhagen st, Worcester
 FISHER, JAMES HENRY, and ROBERT BENJAMIN ORVIS, Ipswich, Book Manufacturers Oct 10 at 12 15 36, Finscoe st, Ipswich
 GOODWIN, THOMAS WILLIAM WOODLEY, Teignmouth, Devon, Wine Merchant Oct 12 at 3 Off Rec, 15, Bedford circus, Exeter
 GOSS, HENRY, Pilton, Barnstaple, Dairyman Oct 10 at 11 Sanders & Son, High st, Barnstaple
 GRAY, CHARLES, Fuddistown, Dorset, Grocer Oct 11 at 12 30 Antelope Hotel, Dorchester
 GREGG, ARTHUR, Fretborne, nr Stonehouse, Glos, late Believing Officer of Cheltenham Union Oct 10 at 5 County Court bldgs, Cheltenham
 GREY, CLARENCE, Monkseaton, Northumberland, late Butcher Merchant Oct 10 at 11 Off Rec, Pink lane, Newcastle on Tyne
 HARRISON, GEORGE WILLIAM, Rhyll, Flint, Tobaccoist Oct 12 at 2 Crypt chmbrs, Chester
 ISBROUX, JANE, Wakefield, Chemist Oct 10 at 12 Off Rec, Bond ter, Wakefield
 JONES, EDELL CLARK, Ponkey, Ruabon, Denbighshire, Grocer Oct 12 at 2 30 Crypt chmbrs, Chester
 JONES, RICHARD POWELL, Tredgar, Mon, Greengrocer Oct 10 at 12 Off Rec, 65, High st, Merthyr Tydfil
 KLEIN, JULIAN, Croydon, Surrey, Civil Service Tutor Oct 10 at 11 30 24, Railway approach, London Bridge
 KNIGHTS, GEORGE, Leeds, Inkkeeper's Manager Oct 10 at 11 Off Rec, 22, Park row, Leeds
 LAWRENCE, JAMES, Bexley Heath, Kent, Grocer Oct 16 at 11 30 Off Rec, Rochester
 LEE, GEORGE, Southsea, Optician Oct 11 at 3 30 Off Rec, Cambridge Junction, High st, Portsmouth

LONG, THOMAS GEORGE, Scholes, Hepworth, nr Huddersfield, Grocer Oct 11 at 3 Off Rec, 6, Queen st, Huddersfield
 MARTIN, THOMAS HAIGH, Halifax, Milliner Oct 13 at 11 30 Off Rec, Townhall chmbrs, Halifax
 NEEDHAM, JOSEPH, Leicester, Coal Merchant Oct 11 at 12 30 Off Rec, 1, Berridge st, Leicester
 PABLEY, HENRY WALTER, Bristol, Hatter Oct 11 at 1 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
 PATT, WILLIAM, High Bickington, Devon, Farmer Oct 10 at 12 Sanders & Son, High st, Barnstaple
 PORTER, WALTER, St George, Glos, Grocer Oct 11 at 2 30 Off Rec, Bank chmbrs, Corn st, Bristol
 RASCHEN, HERMANN, jun, Bishopsgate st Within Oct 12 at 2 30 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
 SMITH, WILLIAM KIRSON THORNBURGH, West Hartlepool, Tobaccoist Oct 10 at 3 Off Rec, 25, John st, Sunderland
 SPENCER, WILLIAM, Halifax, Cabinet Maker Oct 13 at 11 Off Rec, Townhall chmbrs, Halifax
 TREVOR, JAMES HENRY, Shrewsbury, Music Seller Oct 11 at 2 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
 VENABLES, FREDERICK, Barnet, Herts, Auctioneer Oct 10 at 3 Off Rec, 96, Temple chmbrs, Temple avenue
 WAITE, HENRY, Store st, Livery Stable Keeper Oct 10 at 11 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
 WARD, THOMAS BERNARD, Liverpool, Provision Dealer Oct 16 at 2 30 Off Rec, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool
 WATERS, JOHN HENRY, Plymouth, Waiter Oct 12 at 11 10, Athensum terrace, Plymouth
 WATERS, TRYFENA, Plymouth, Lodging house Keeper Oct 12 at 11 15 10, Athensum terrace, Plymouth
 WEBBER, JAMES HENRY, Tiverton, Devon, Coal Merchant Oct 12 at 3 Off Rec, 13, Bedford circus, Exeter
 WEST, CHARLES, Leicester, Clothier Oct 13 at 12 30 Off Rec, 1, Berridge st, Leicester
 WHITE, WILLIAM, JAMES, Trowbridge, Wilts, Builder Oct 11 at 2 Off Rec, Bank chmbrs, Corn st, Bristol
 WINES, JOHN WILLIAM, Maroon st, Limehouse, Carman Oct 10 at 12 Bankruptcy bldgs, Carey st
 YRATES, S S, Southsea, Milliner Oct 11 at 4 Off Rec, Cambridge Junction, High st, Portsmouth

ADJUDICATIONS.

ALEXANDER, THOMAS, Detling and Thurnham, Kent, Father Maidstone Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 BRETT, WALTER, Bredon, Worcs, Market Gardener Cheltenham Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 BETT, WILLIAM, Alvingham, Lincs, Miller Gt Grimsby Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 BOOTH, TOM, Gorton, Manchester, Grocer Manchester Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 BOOTH, WILLIAM STOREY, Derby, Coal Merchant Derby Pet Sept 18 Ord Sept 29
 BRADFELD, THOMAS, Gt Linford, Bucks, Farmer Northampton Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 BRANSTY, DAVID, Newport, Mon, Commission Agent Newport, Mon Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 BRIGGS, WILLIAM HENRY, Chipping Norton, Oxon, Draper Oxford Pet Sept 6 Ord Sept 27
 COOP, JOSEPH, Warrington, Innkeeper Warrington Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 CRADTEER, HENRY, St Anne's on the Sea, Lancs, Cotton Waste Merchant Preston Pet Aug 31 Ord Sept 29
 DAVET, JOHN, Frinton, Nantmool, Glam, Builder Cardiff Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 DAVIS, HORACE JAMES, Grandpont, Oxford, Fishmonger Pet Sept 11 Ord Sept 27
 DEWENAP, M, late of Brighton, Spinster Brighton Pet Aug 31 Ord Sept 29
 DORE, JOSEPH, Northwood, I W, Farmer Newport and Ryde Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 28
 DURRIDGE, GEORGE BENJAMIN, Guildford, Surrey, Solicitor Guildford Pet Sept 9 Ord Sept 30
 EVANS, GEORGE, jun, Leicester, Leather Merchant Leicester Pet Aug 25 Ord Sept 27
 FERRET, MORETON, Worcester, Carver Worcester Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 GAMBLE, HARRY RUDD, Grimsdon, Norfolk, Farmer King's Lynn Pet Sept 26 Ord Sept 27
 GOODWIN, THOMAS WILLIAM WOODLEY, Teignmouth, Devon, Wine Merchant Exeter Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 HANNAFORD, HENRY, Birmingham, Printer Birmingham Pet Sept 18 Ord Sept 30
 HARRISON, GEORGE WILLIAM, Rhyll, Flint, Tobaccoist Bangor Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 HENRY, WILLIAM, Liverpool, Shoemaker Liverpool Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 HEYDRE, HENRY RICKETTS, Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester, Cab Proprietor Manchester Pet Aug 5 Ord Sept 28
 HILL, WILLIAM, Worcester, Baker Worcester Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 JENKINS, JOSEPH, Tonypandy, Glam, Insurance Agent Pontypridd Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
 LAMB, WILLIAM, Blackfriars rd, Teacher of Dancing High Court Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 LAWRENCE, JAMES, Bexley Heath, Kent, Grocer Rochester Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 MODER, HENRY, Cambridge, Brewer Cambridge Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 MORRIS, JOSEPH, late of Manchester, Tailor Manchester Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 MORRIS, THOMAS, Bristol, Draper Bristol Pet Sept 9 Ord Sept 28
 PABLEY, HENRY MORTON, Sheffield, Cycle Manufacturer Sheffield Pet Sept 2 Ord Sept 29
 PATRICK, JAMES, Burnham Market, Norfolk, Coal Merchant Norwich Pet Sept 30 Ord Sept 30
 PEEL, ROBERT, Mount st, Grosvenor sq, Gent High Court Pet April 21 Ord Sept 27
 PENBERTON, WILLIAM, Derby, Builder Derby Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 PERKINS, THOMAS HENRY, Southampton, Fruiterer Southampton Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29

PETHYBRIDGE, FANNY, Dawlish, Devon, Spinster Buxton Pet Aug 28 Ord Sept 29
 RUMBOLD, HENRY AUGUSTUS, and GEORGE HENRY BURNETT, Bristol, Veterinary Surgeons Bristol Pets Aug 28 and Sept 14 Ord Sept 30
 SADD, HENRY EDWARD, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex, Baker Chelmsford Pet Sept 18 Ord Sept 28
 SHAW, HARRY, Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester, Builder Manchester Pet Aug 31 Ord Sept 30
 SHINWALD, LEVI, South Shields, late Grocer Leeds Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 SMITH, HENRY, and WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, Maltm, Yorks, Timber Merchants Kingston upon Hull Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 SMITH, WILLIAM KIRSON THORNBURGH, West Hartlepool, Tobaccoist, Sunderland Pet Sept 19 Ord Sept 28
 SODER, JOHN, Stanground, Hunts, Florist Peterborough Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 SOLOMON, VICTOR, Bedford pl, Bloomsbury, Boot Manufacturer High Court Pet Aug 3 Ord Sept 29
 SPENCE, AMOS KIRKHAM, Spilby, Lincs, Tailor Boston Pet Sept 7 Ord Sept 28
 STYNGER, JOHN, Shelton, Staffs, Organ Builder Halesowen, and Tunstall Pet Sept 5 Ord Sept 30
 TAYLOR, BETSY, Theale, Wedmore, Somerset, Widow Wells Pet July 29 Ord Sept 28
 WAGHORN, GEORGE PAUL, and ALBERT EDWARD MACKAY, Holloway rd, Oil Merchants High Court Pet Sept 1 Ord Sept 29
 WALTER, EDGAR, Banbury, Oxon, Wood Carver Banbury Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 WEST, CHARLES, Leicester, Clothier Leicester Pet Sept 29 Ord Sept 29
 WESTON, WILLIAM HENRY, Woolwich, Cowkeeper Greenwich Pet Sept 27 Ord Sept 27
 WILD, ALFRED, Middlesbrough, late Fruiterer Stockton on Tees Pet Sept 28 Ord Sept 28
 WYATT, EDWIN GEORGE, Villa rd, Brixton, Architect High Court Pet Aug 28 Ord Sept 29

ADJUDICATION ANNULLLED.

PARNORR, JAMES HENRY, Tottenham Court rd, Chesham High Court Adjud March 30 Annual Sept 30

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